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In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on September 28, 2003, applicant elects Species A, the embodiment illustrated in Figures 1-2 and at least claims 1-7 readable thereon. Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected Species B, C, D, E, and F, the embodiments illustrated in Figures 13-20, and the claims readable thereon.

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